(ख) भारत का नेपाल और भूटान के साथ अधिमानी व्यापार समझौता है। यद्यपि भारत ने पाकिस्तान से होने वाले अपने आयातों को परममित्र राष्ट्र का दर्जा दिया है और पाकिस्तान द्वारा हमें अभी ऐसा ही दर्जा दिया जाना है, तथापि व्यापार संबंधों को सुधारने के प्रयास दोनों तरफ से चले रहे हैं। इस क्षेत्र में बांग्लादेश हमारा शीर्ष व्यापार साझीदार है और दोनों सरकारें व्यापार संबंधों को और अधिक सुधारने के लिए अन्तक्रिया कर रही हैं।

(ग) इस समय, नेपाल, भूटान और बांग्लादेश के साथ भारत द्वारा जिन प्रमुख वस्तुओं का व्यापार किया जा रहा है, उनका ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

देश	भारत से निर्यात	भारत द्वारा आयात
बांग्लादेश	चावल (बासमती को छोड़कर), चीनी, इनेमलस एवं मृत्तिका, मशीनरी एवं उपकरण, परिवहन उपकरण, सूती यार्न/वस्त्र	कच्चा पटसन कार्बनिक (निर्मित)
भूटान	स्लिट एवं पेय पदार्थ, विविध प्रसंस्कृत मदें	लकड़ी एवं लकड़ी उत्पाद, आकार्बनिक रसायन
नेपाल	औषधि एवं भेषज सामग्री, मशीनरी एवं उपकरण, प्राथमिक एवं अर्ध परिष्कृत लोहा एवं इस्पात, कोयला, सूती यार्न/वस्त्र, कागज एवं कागज उत्पाद।	दालें, मसाले, वस्त्र, यार्न/धागे
पाकिस्तान	मसाले तेल खाद्य, लौह अयस्क, रंजक पदार्थ एवं मध्यवर्ती रसायन	फल एवं सब्जी तथा कच्चे सब्जी मसाले, कच्चा ऊन, वस्त्र यार्न/फैब्रिक्स।

(घ) और (ङ) पड़ौसी देशों के साथ द्विपक्षीय आधार पर एवं सार्क मंच पर व्यापार संबंधों का विस्तार करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। व्यापारियों, विद्वानों और सरकारी अधिकारियों के संयुक्त प्रयास से एक त्रिपक्षीय अध्ययन दल गठित किया गया है जो सार्क क्षेत्र के देशों के साथ व्यापार संबंधों के विस्तार करने के उपाय सुझाएगा।

Setting up large paper mills

832. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had granted any licences for setting up large paper mills in 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) whether adequate raw materials have been found or earmarked for these new paper mills?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of rice and wheat by FCI

833. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has been authorised to export or sell for export of fine and superfine rice during 1996-97;

(b) if so, details thereof with circumstances leading to such move;

(c) whether such move will be in the interest of the country?

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have also authorised FCI to export wheat from public stocks; and

(f) if so, details thereof with benefits to be derived from such move?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India has been authorised to export or sell for

export five lakh tonnes of fine and superfine rice in 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir. Exports will help FCI in reducing carrying cost of surplus foodgrains apart from releasing storage space for fresh procurement.

(d) The stocks of. rice in the Central Pool is more than the minimum buffer stocking norms and no shortage of rice is anticipated in rice year 1995-96. FCI has been able to sell only 6,000 MT in the period April—June, 1996 for export.

(e) and (f) The FCI has been authorised to export or sell for export five lakh tonnes of non-durum wheat in 1996-97 only to honour "carry over commitments" made by FCI upto 31.3.1996 against the last year's authorisation which could not be delivered upto 31.3.1996. The FCI has been able to sell 3.29 lakh tonnes of wheat in the period April—June, 1996 for export.

Reserving cleaning powder for the Small Scale Sector

834. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cleaning powder is reserved exclusively for the Small Scale Sector;

(b) whether cleaning powder VIM, a product of Hindustan Lever Limited, a multinational company, is being purchased by Government departments in preference to the cleaning powder manufactured in the Small Scale Sector;

(c) whether the Secretary Department of Small Scale Industry and Agro and Rural Industries had in a letter dated 23rd February, 199S directed all the secretaries to Government of India to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Government's policy;

(d) whether Government departments are still purchasing VIM powder; and

(e) if so, whether any proposal to investigate the matter and to book the guilty people responsible for not following the policy of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The cleaning powder is not reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector but it is reserved under the list of items for exclusive purchase from KVIC/Women's Development Corporations/Small Scale Sector units.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Centres for disabled girls

835. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Centres for disabled girls (Disabled Girls' Home) are being run in country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are providing financial assistance to these centres;

(d) whether some women's voluntary organisations have applied for opening up of such centres in Rajkot, Surendranagar Districts of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH ROMOOWALIA) (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.